

CLAIMS

1. A scale comprising a pair of elongate support members, each member containing a gauge which provides an indication of the weight of an item placed across the two members, the members being structurally connected solely via a surface plate adapted to rest on the support members to provide a substantially flat surface to receive items to be weighed.
2. A scale as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gauge is a strain gauge.
3. A scale as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rigidity of the surface plate is increased as the separation of the two members is increased.
4. A scale as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plate is transparent to radiation utilized to scan barcodes on items.
5. A scale as claimed in claim 1, comprising an electronics box, which is adapted to translate the output of the gauges on the two members into a recognizable weight.
6. A scale as claimed in claim 5, wherein the box is located adjacent a first of the two members and the gauge in the second member is coupled to the box via RS232 lead.
7. A scale as claimed in claim 1, wherein each member is approximately  
19.4 inches (9.4 cm) long.

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